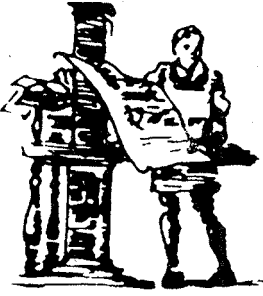


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Canton grade school first for Archdiocese in 32 years

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Detroit Archdiocese announced the name of its first new school in 32 years during a ground breaking ceremony Sunday in Canton that also included the disclosure of the building principal.

During the ceremony, attended by several local church officials, dignitaries, parishioners and children, Cardinal Adam Maida named the K-8 elementary school, — scheduled to open next fall — All Saints, and revealed Mary Rita Allen, who previously served as associate superintendent in the Office for Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit, as the school's principal.

"The name 'All Saints' represents a uniting of the four parish communities," Maida said. "The school is a lasting tribute to the families who sought to have it built and to their pastors who responded to the need."

Located on the property of Resurrection Parish on Warren Road between Ridge and Beck roads, the school will draw enrollment from three additional parishes: St. Kenneth, St. John Neumann and St. Thomas a' Becket. Approximately 220 students have already registered for classes.

The first phase of the \$7.22 million two-phase project includes 18 classrooms, lunch room, multi-purpose room, library and computer and will be completed by next fall. Phase two entails construction of an additional 16 classrooms, gym, art room, science labs and auxiliary rooms.

It's the culmination of more than two years of work initiated by Kathryn Kristoff and Mike Mitchell who began the project because of a resurgence of



Cardinal Adam Maida helps Canton children break ground for their new school, which will be called "All Saints." Maida named Mary Rita Allen principal for the new Canton grade school. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

interest in parochial education, resulting in waiting lists at local Catholic schools. The planning process was completed by the Archdiocese and committees comprised of local residents.

"It's a great relief," said Mike Gerou, a Plymouth attorney who has been involved in the project since its inception. "I've been working on this for two and a half years now, but Kathryn and Mike

Mitchell, they deserve all the credit... It's very satisfying, but we have a very ambitious construction schedule, so it's not over with yet."

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P-C high school students shine on state proficiency test

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Students in the the Plymouth-Canton School District scored consistently higher than the state average in test results released yesterday.

More than 70 percent of the students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, who took the state's High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) as juniors last spring, scored "proficient" in the math section of the exam compared to the state average of 34.4 percent.

In writing and science, P-C Schools students scored approximately 20 points higher than their counterparts across the state.

But the results were more mixed at the fifth and eighth grade levels for the MEAP tests. Proficiency was slightly above the state average in fifth grade science, but more than 25 percentage points higher in writing. Eighth graders in the the P-C Schools nearly equaled the state mark for "novice" scores in science, but they were also 12 percentage points higher than the state proficiency score in the same category.

Patrick O'Donnell, the assistant superintendent for instruction of the P-C Schools, said comparison is the best measurement of success. And at the state level, and Washtenaw County — one of highest scoring areas in

Michigan — "We did quite favorably in those comparisons," he said.

Writing was particularly strong for fifth and eighth graders. O'Donnell acknowledged science needed to be improved. "No doubt we're going to have to spend some time working in the area of science," he said.

Four years in the making, the HSPT's goal was to move students to perform at a higher level of conceptual thinking and therefore the tests were changed from the "closed-ended" to "open-ended" calling for students to construct data via processes instead of answering multi-

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Top cops

Plymouth Township Police Department honors its own

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Fine furniture

Local business owner marks 2 decades of experience

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First game

Detroit Whalers face Guelph and Owen Sound this weekend

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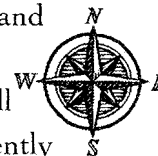
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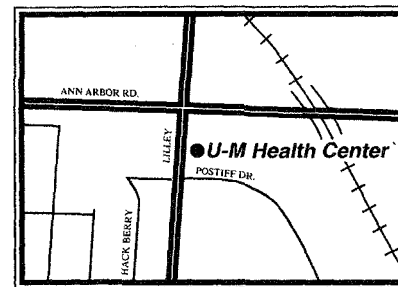
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Residents fight for 25 mph speed limit on Morton Taylor following fatal accident

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

No ifs, ands or buts about it, the residents living on or near Morton Taylor Road south of Ford Road want the speed limit reduced from 40 mph to 25 mph.

The group of residents met with Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack at a meeting Monday night at the Summit.

According to Santomauro, the meeting was called to discuss the residents concerns about the Wayne County-owned road.

"Ultimately, we must do the right thing," said Santomauro.

What the right thing for Morton Taylor Road is, is yet to be determined said Santomauro.

"Maybe there are a number of things that need to be done," said Santomauro. "Maybe nothing needs to be done."

"We need to go back and reassess the road."

Santomauro added that in trying to fix any problems that there may be with the road, the County has to be careful not to create new problems.

"If the roadway is hazardous because of speed or anything else we (Canton) have a role to see that it gets fixed," he said. "But we don't want to create other problems."

"Any decision has to involve some engineering."

That decision, according to Santomauro, will be made after an 85 percent study has been conducted on the roadway.

The recent focus on the speed limit, lighting and safety of Morton Taylor has been because of the work of the residents of that area, according to John Irvin, who



Citizens who live along Morton Taylor Road, south of Ford Road, met Friday night in Flodin Park to form a plan to petition Canton and Wayne County to lower the speed limit on the road following the fatal accident last week. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

is coordinating much of the effort.

"We just want a solution to the problem," said Irvin. "We need to tell them (Canton, the county and the state) that this needs to be changed."

While the idea of stop signs at each of the intersections has been brought up the residents are resisting that idea according to resident Mary Gerard.

"They're trying to divide and conquer us," said Gerard. "We have to keep sight of what we want."

Irvin agreed with Gerard saying "we're more concerned with slowing people down and lighting the road."

"We know we won't get a speed limit reduction and a stop sign."

Santomauro said that it was not the intention of Canton to try and negotiate with the group.

"We're not trying to appease them or trying to negotiate with them," he said. "We're trying to do the right thing."

"If the road is broken, we need to fix it."

The next step according to Santomauro and Irvin to see if residents want temporary 25 miles per hour signs to go up on the road.

"There is separation within the neighborhood whether that's a good idea," said Irvin.

"It could be that if they (the signs) go up and then they take them down six weeks later there's going to be a riot."

Irvin said that the group has won a small part of their battle.

"Mr. (Tom) Yack said that the (street) lights were going to happen," said Irvin. "We're just waiting on Detroit Edison."

Santomauro said that the next step for the group should be meeting with the county engineers.

"We need to get the residents and Wayne County in the same room," said Santomauro.

Irvin said that he spoke with Victoria Holland from the Wayne County Division of Roads and will hopefully be meeting with her within a few weeks.

High School student fights for kids rights in City

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The big issue at Monday night's Plymouth City Commission meeting didn't come from the agenda, instead it was raised during the public comment section.

Canton High School senior, 17-year-old Maureen McInerney addressed the board about "the silent voices of Plymouth-the kids" receiving harassment and on-the-spot rules.

"Where does protection end and harassment begin?" McInerney asked the board. "Adults and kids don't take the time to see eye-to-eye."

McInerney cited several examples of the harassment in the letter she sent to the commission (it also appeared in The Crier's opinion pages).

"I was sitting downtown on a park bench one evening a few weeks ago and two police men walked up to me and asked what I had in my hands. I looked at them in astonishment, partly because I just noticed them in the area and secondly because my hands were empty. They then proceeded to look all around me, tell me to open my hands up, and then ask me if I knew anyone who was selling drugs in the area. This little escapade took about 10 minutes. I asked why they were questioning me. They said I looked 'suspicious'," wrote McInerney.

McInerney added that another problem was not having anyplace to in-line skate and skateboard.

"I really think we need a place to go if we're not allowed in public areas," she said.

Not everyone in the audience agreed with McInerney, though. "I owned Healthy Exposures Too (on Penniman Ave). I had to close my business because of a lack of true law enforcement," said Mel Pontavich. "My wife and daughter have been threatened."

"They (the kids) are driving business away from the downtown

district. The problem needs to be addressed — you just chased one business away."

Paunovich said that he is not alone in the way he feels.

"We're not the only one. There are others that have expressed the same feelings," he said.

Dave Pugh, Paunovich's landlord, said that the problems go well beyond kids skateboarding in the alley way.

"We're talking about public urination against my tenants window while they have customers there," said Pugh. "Evidence of vandalism and hypodermic needles in the walkway."

"I just don't think there are a lot of diabetics taking their Insulin in our walkway."

Commissioner Doug Miller said that there were several factors in the problem. "There are really two separate problems. On one hand, we have a situation not dissimilar to a few years ago with cruising," he said. "On the other end, you have violations not only of the law but of civilized nature."

Miller suggested that the commission form a committee to study the problems.

"We need to get the groups together and talk about this," he said. "I suggest we form a committee."

McInerney said she would be interested in taking part in a committee. "I would definitely be on it," she said.

And what solutions would she strive for?

"Right now there's no consistency to what they (the police) enforce," she said. "And I don't care if we can't skate in downtown. But we need someplace like a skate park. They (the kids) would go there."

And according to McInerney it would save the kids some money. "Tickets (for skating in public areas) cost \$250 at Fall Festival and they're regularly between \$60-\$100," she said.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Canton Chamber of Commerce is resuming its Third Thursday update tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet on Sheldon Road in Canton. There is no charge to attend the breakfast meeting. The September program features P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

THE WEEKEND

- The Canton football team squares off against Northville Friday at home. Game time is 7:30 p.m.
- The Salem girls tennis team takes on North Farmington Friday at home at 4 p.m.
- The Canton Historical Society is dedicating the barn at the Bartlett-Travis House at 2 p.m. Sunday.
- Canton is hosting a "Pulling Together" seminar for homeowner associations Saturday. Call 397-5380 for more information.

NEXT WEEK

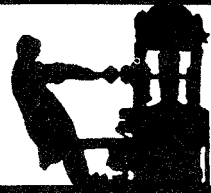
- The Canton Board of Trustees meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Canton Township Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, Michigan, who is not already registered may register for the City election to be held on the 5th day of November, 1996 in said City.

The City Clerk will be at the Clerk's office in the City Hall on each working day during regular working hours until and including Monday, October 7, 1996, for the working purpose of receiving registration of qualified electors of the City of Plymouth not already registered.

On Monday, October 7, 1996, which is the last day for receiving registrations for said election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 1996, the City Clerk will be at the Clerk's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors.

The following proposition will be submitted to the electors of the City of Plymouth at said election:

Street Improvements

Bonding Proposition

Shall the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000) and issue one or more series of its Unlimited Tax Bonds thereof for the purpose of paving public streets and roads in the City together with all attachments and appurtenances relating to thereto?

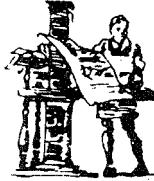
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1996

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Ms. Arnold requested that on page 2 under H.2 of the August 20, 1996 minutes be corrected to read Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Application No. 1382/496". With that correction, Mrs Massengill moved to approve the minutes as corrected for the August 20, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all with Mr. Griffith and Mrs. Mueller abstaining due to their absence.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the September 3, 1996, Work Session of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Mrs. Brooks abstaining due to her absence.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business, Item J.1 Recreation Survey. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda for the September 10, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. for consideration of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for SEI Automotive Technologies, Inc. Mr. Sharland questioned the effective date of the requested tax abatement, if approved.

The public hearing was closed at 7:49 p.m. Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 96-09-10-18, granting a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, to SEI Automotive Technologies, Inc. for their new facility located on Polaris Court, Lot 125 and a portion of Lot 142, in Metro West Industrial Park No. 5. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: Brooks

Resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. for consideration of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:53 p.m. Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 96-09-10-19, granting a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, to Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc. for a portion of a new facility to be leased from its' affiliate, SEI Automotive Technologies, Inc. located on Polaris Court, Lot 125 and a portion of Lot 142, in Metro West Industrial Park No. 5, subject to the lease being reviewed by the Township Attorney. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: Brooks

Resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 8:16 p.m. on the request for creation of a Special Assessment District for Lighting for Unisys Corporation. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:17 p.m. Ms. Arnold moved to consider a request by Unisys Corporation to create a Special Assessment District for Lighting and further moved to approve Resolution 96-9-10-20. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Griffith, Massengill, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: Curmi

Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Massengill moved to establish September 24, 1996 to hold a Public Hearing of Assessment for Lighting for Unisys Corporation. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi voting no.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Application No. 1356/1095, to amend the Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance No. 83 by amending Article XXXII Definitions, of said Ordinance

Related to Large Scale Institutional Uses, Churches and Large Scale Churches, and to Amend Other Articles to Provide for Large Scale Institutional Uses and Large Scale Churches to be Located in the PL, R-1-E, R-2-A, OS, C-1, C-2, MR, IND and PUD Districts, Subject to Special Conditions. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Curmi moved to authorize the supervisor to hire Human Right Synergistic to conduct a Recreation Survey of Township and City Residents at a cost not to exceed \$10,750.00; the Township to pay 100% of the cost of the survey provided that the City refrains from implementing fee increases for Township residents until after survey results are obtained. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Trustee Curmi asked that the YMCA and the Plymouth/Canton School District be asked to review the draft of the survey to identify their needs.

Trustee Curmi asked for an update regarding installation of a pay phone at the Plymouth Township Hall.

Mr. Anulewicz updated the Board on the Ridge/Powell Road paving project.

Chief Berry informed the Board that he recently met with the County regarding traffic concerns in various areas of the Township. At that time re-designing traffic light locations on Beck Road between M-14 and Five Mile Road was discussed.

A discussion was held on the poor condition of railroad crossings in Plymouth Township.

Mrs. Brooks moved to receive and file Communications as listed. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Mr. Griffith to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Ayes all

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the Board of Trustees meeting held on September 10, 1996. The full text is available in the clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on September 24, 1996.

An awards ceremony honoring members of the Plymouth Township Police Department was held on September 10, 1996, prior to the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

A special presentation by members of the Mayflower LT. Gamble, Post 6695, VFW, Public Relations Chairperson Joe Bida, Chaplain Stan Wood, Commander Bill Fletcher, and Past Commander and historian Hal Young, Presented the colors to the members of the Plymouth Township Police Department's recently established Honor Guard.

The following individuals received commendations from Police Chief Carl Berry:

Sergeants Robert Smith, Robert Antal, Steven Rapson, James Javis, and Officers Shawn Corbet, Steven Cheston, Steven Mann, Edward Gauthier, Steven Coffell, Kevin Lauria, Dennis Wilson, Police department Administration Assistant, Cheryl Gordon and Volunteer for the DARE Program, Donna Palowski.

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 It was the 4th of July – early evening. Amy and Shelly were in Amy's front yard. The lady across the street and her 4 yr old grand-daughter were going for a walk. When they reached the street the lady fell to the ground. She was having a seizure. Her grand-daughter became hysterical.
 Amy ran into the house and told her mother to call 911. Amy and Shelly ran back across the street.
 Shelly went to the home owner and informed him what happened to his wife. Amy took the grand-daughter across the street where she observed the ambulance taking away her grandmother and grandfather. Amy and Shelly took the little girl into Amy's home. They played with barbie dolls and kept her happy until another family member picked her up at 10:30 p.m. The little girl was well taken care of and she actually enjoyed herself.
 Amy and Shelly took over a serious situation in a very grown up manner. Amy and Shell are both 15yrs. old. They attended Plymouth Canton High School.
 —Rose Bloink

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Dear Kindness Editor,
 I would like to nominate Mr. and Mrs. Plumer of Plymouth for your Random Acts of Kindness Award.
 On Monday, July 22nd, Mr. and Mrs. Plumer saw my husband's wallet lying in the middle of the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, while waiting to make a left turn. They were able to retrieve the wallet and took the time to get our phone number from Directory Assistance and call to let us know that it had been found. Arrangements were made to pick it up from their home. They refused any reward of reimbursement for their trouble, to say nothing of their honesty!
 The wallet had fallen off the top of my husband's car as he was in route to Lansing to a business meeting. He had absentmindedly placed it on his car when he purchased gas at Warren and Lilley!
 I think that their honesty and kindness should definitely be considered for your award
 — Marlene & Tom Tipi

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Neighbors in the news

Erin E. Bagozzi, a Salem High School graduate, and **Melissa A. Cook**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Cook of Canton, were among more than 300 students at Kalamazoo College to be named to the Dean's List for the spring 1996 quarter.

Joseph M. Lopez of Canton, and **Kristin L. Honecker** of Plymouth were named to MSU summer semester's honor list.

Dick Merrill, a communication's specialist from Plymouth, is helping in the American Red Cross relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Fran.

Ryan K. Calvin, the son of Wallace K. and Sandy D. Calvin of Plymouth, received practical work in military leadership at the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, WA.

Calvin is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy.

James W. Logsdon, the son of James and Debbie Logsdon of Canton, has enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program.

Logsdon is a 1994 graduate of Canton High School.

Debra Christian, of Plymouth, was the First Runner Up in the First Annual Keep the Flame Alive Storytelling Contest.

The Northville community is celebrating the grand opening of their new library building, located in downtown Northville at 212 W. Cady Street.

The new library will inaugurate the building with entertainment, refreshments and door prizes on Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Several Plymouth residents received scholarships for the 1996-97 academic year at Madonna University. They include: **Molly Malpass, Laura Orlowski, Janell Leschinger, Kristen McMurphy, Lori Suh and Joseph Niemenski.**

VFW post presents colors to Twp. Police Honor Guard during awards ceremony

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Plymouth Township Police Department held their annual awards ceremony at Township Hall Sept. 11.

The highlight of the evening for the department was when the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post in Plymouth presented the newly-formed Plymouth Township Police Honor Guard with a new set of colors.

The presentation of the colors, which includes a United States flag and a State of Michigan flag, was a symbol of the relationship between the police department and the community, according to Carl Berry, Plymouth Township police chief.

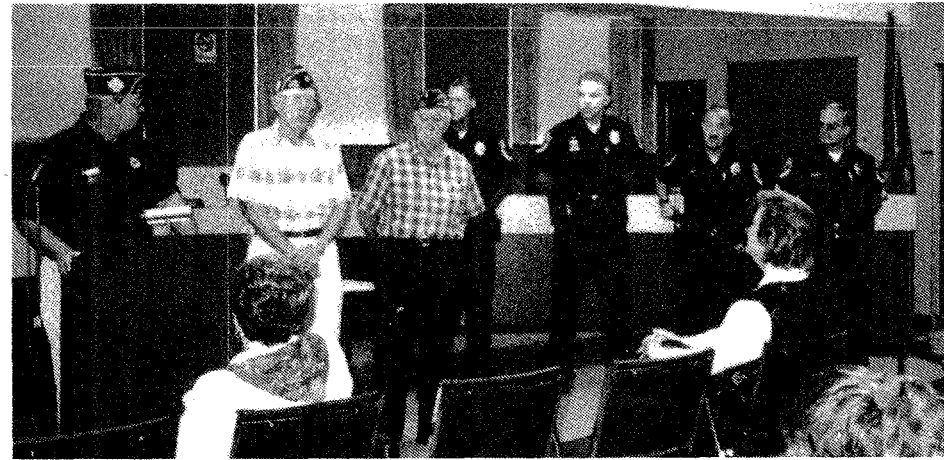
"It (the donation) shows an excellent relationship between the police department and the community," he said. "It also shows dedication to the community by the VFW."

The Plymouth Township Police Department Honor Guard was formed this year, just prior to the Fourth of July Parade, and will be representing the community at special events and ceremonies.

In addition to receiving the colors at the awards ceremony, several police department employees received commendations for their work in 1996.

Sgt. Robert Smith, Officer Shawn Corbett and Officer Steve Cheston were honored with individual commendations for their work in implementing the Mountain Bike Patrol in the Township.

Smith also received an individual



The Plymouth Township Police Department held their award ceremony last week where the VFW post presented the Township with their colors.

commendation for his Helmet Safety Program.

Corbett was awarded a departmental citation for his work with the victim of a felonious assault and a home invasion.

Officer Steven Mann was awarded a certificate of merit for protecting a woman from being attacked by a dog.

The members of D Platoon — Smith, Cheston, Officer Edward Gauthier and Mann were awarded the unit citation for their teamwork during their tour. Some of the activities involved included: apprehension of a barricaded suspect; catching several armed robbery suspects; development and implementation of a model traffic unit; and a consistently high level of traffic enforcement over the entire shift.

Both Cheston and Sgt. Robert Antal received individual certificates of merit for their work in separate breaking and entering cases.

Officer Cal Lauria was also awarded a certificate of merit for assisting a Michigan State Trooper in the capture of a suspect trying to flee on foot.

Sgt. Steve Rapson, Sgt. James Jarvis, Antal, Smith and Officer Denny Wilson were all presented with a second safe driving award for 10 years of safe driving.

The department also recognized Cheri Gordon, the administrative assistant to the chief, with an individual commendation.

PSO concert to benefit Endowment 2000

Alexander Zonjic, DSO cellist Marcy Chanteaux, pianist Pauline Martin donate talent to fundraiser

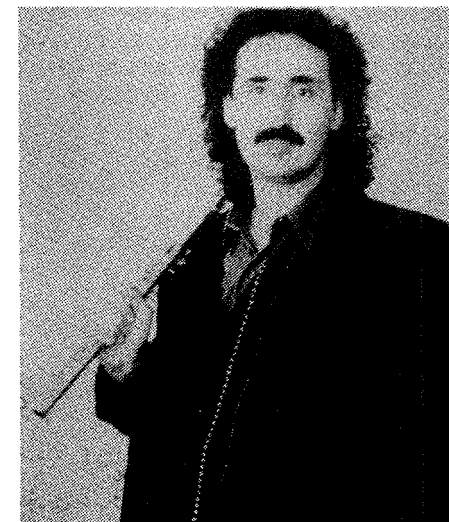
World renown Alexander Zonjic, along with Detroit Symphony Orchestra cellist Marcy Chanteaux and concert pianist Pauline Martin will perform in a benefit concert to support the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

The guest artists are donating their talents for this Classics to Jazz recital. The proceeds from the concert will go to the PSO's Endowment 2000—a fund to support the Plymouth Symphony.

Zonjic, a Canadian born classical/jazz flutist, has played in major jazz festivals across the United States and has toured internationally and recorded with jazz great Bob James.

Martin and Chanteaux, both well known in area music circles, are founding members of the St. Clair Trio, one of the most sought after ensembles in the chamber music scene.

"We hope area residents will find something to celebrate in September with this extraordinary performance," said Bonnie Holyoak, executive director of the PSO. "These musicians have a tremendous following and this is an opportunity for people who are new to the area to discover and support their



Alexander Zonjic will perform along with other musicians to help the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra raise funds for their Endowment 2000 campaign. Zonjic has played in major jazz festivals across the United States.

symphony."

The benefit concert is Sept. 29 at the Plymouth Manor beginning at 3 p.m. For ticket information call (313) 451-2112.

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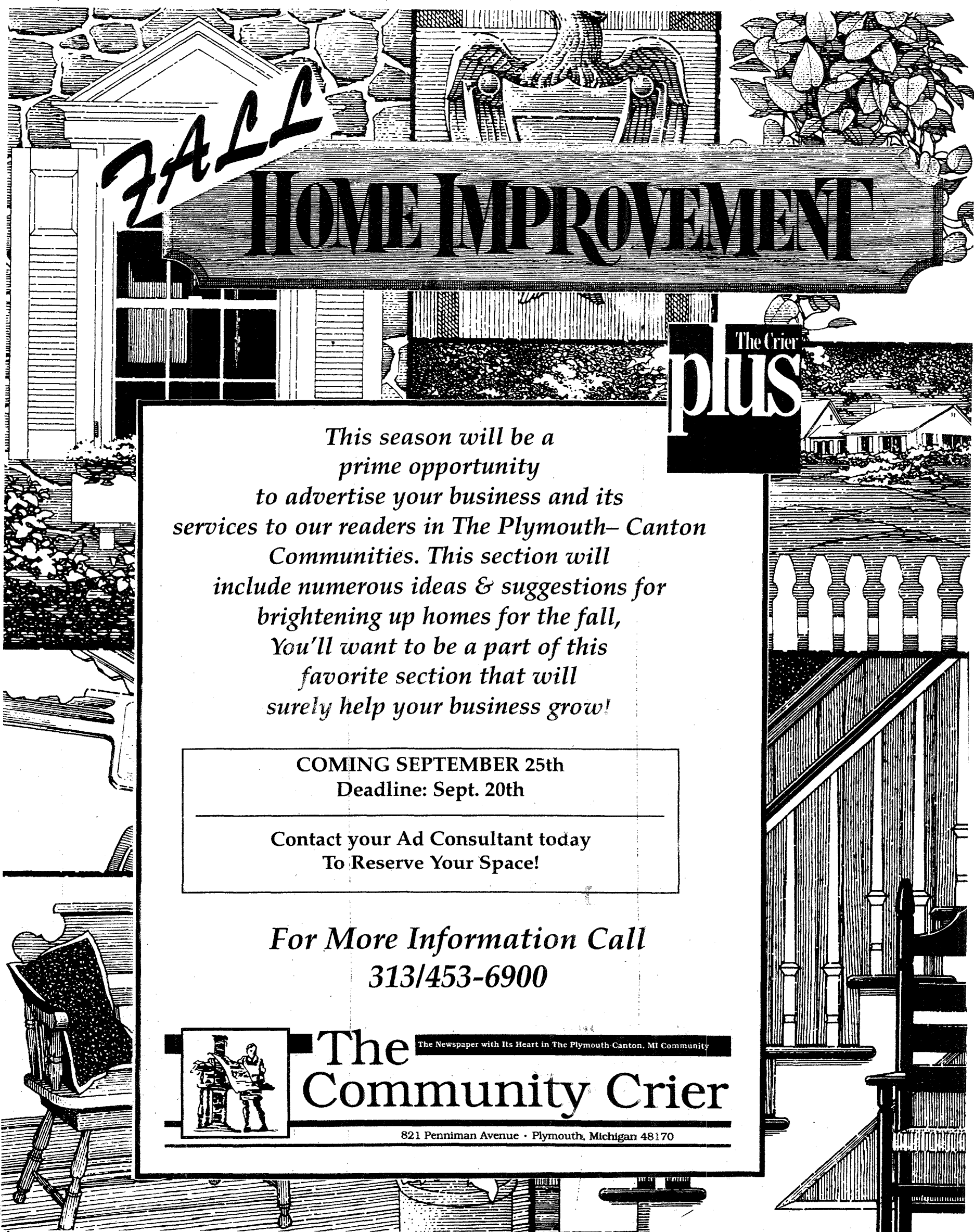
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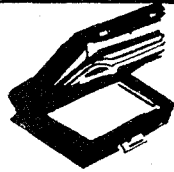
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

To acknowledge their commitment to the Plymouth community and their efforts in making Plymouth a more beautiful place to do business, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will award four **Business Beautification Awards for 1996**.

On behalf of the chamber membership, John Glodich of First of America Bank will be presenting plaques donated by the First of America Bank to three downtown and one Old Village business: **Frameworks; Piccadilly's Home & Garden; sideways, Inc.; and American Pie.**

The community is invited to come and help acknowledge these companies for their contribution to the Plymouth community on Tuesday morning from 8-9 a.m. at the chamber office in the lower level. Free. No R.S.V.P. needed. Refreshments will be served.

Each month, Hudson's recognizes individual team members for outstanding guest service through its Service Star program. Service Stars are chosen by store management and recognize team members who are respected by their peers and consistently demonstrate excellent guest service behavior and attitude. One team member is selected at each store each month.

Dennis Toffolo, Hudson's president, said: "With this program, we are able to recognize members of our team that are committed to offering our guests the best service possible. These team members are truly respected by their co-workers for their contribution and commitment to serving our guests."

Service Stars for 1996 that have been awarded through June at Hudson's Westland are **Kelly Eppert** of Canton (March) and **Alaa Nasser** of Canton (June).

Service Stars received a Service Star certificate and a Hudson's gift certificate. A photograph is taken and displayed for both guests and the store team.

A groundbreaking ceremony for **Sumitomo Electric Automotive, Inc.**, a 40,000 square foot technical and marketing center will take Sept. 26 in the Metro West Industrial Park.

Plymouth Township-based DeMattia & Associates is designing the facility. DeMattia Development is the land developer and R.A. DeMattia Company is the general contractor.

20 years of fine furniture

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Jay Densmore doesn't cut corners, and that's especially important in his business of furniture restoration, a trade he's been practicing for 20 years this month.

The long-time Plymouth resident and 1968 Plymouth High School graduate has been straight as a board when dealing with customers' family heirlooms and antiques.

And that's the reason for the longevity of his business Plymouth Furniture Refinishing, 331 N. Main St., which he founded in 1980. "The whole thing is good quality work at a good fair price," said Densmore, noting it takes six to eight weeks to complete more extensive refinishing. "We stress quality, and that takes time."

But the customer waiting list isn't as long as the four years it took Densmore to get Plymouth Furniture Refinishing underway. "It was tough in the beginning," the father of two said.

That was 1976 when saw horses served as phone mounts, and the staff of Furniture Rejuvenation was Densmore and his partner. The partnership split up four years later during the troubled recession of the Carter era. "We went our separate ways, and I was actually going to move out of the state, if we could've sold out house," said Densmore. "But we couldn't sell it, so we stayed."

After a brief stint with another wood working business, Densmore founded Plymouth Furniture Refinishing in Old Village. "It helped doing this in my hometown. I had referrals right way, and now they come from all over. It's kind of like a family doctor, you don't switch around," he said.

There's a reason for that, Densmore said. "A lot of this furniture, it's so heavily connected to peoples' past. It's so meaningful," he said.

Densmore celebrates 2 decades of furniture restoration; 16 years as owner of Plymouth Furniture Refinishing

With a new business — and a new Republican president — Densmore enjoyed the prosperity of the early 1980s, a trend that hasn't slowed at Plymouth Furniture Refinishing. Densmore opened a Brighton store in 1990, but closed it in just two years because he felt it wasn't

maintaining his high standards. "You can't be in two places at the same time. You've got to get someone who shares your idea of quality. That was a problem. I couldn't get anyone in here. So, consequently, I was working seven days a week."

And that's too much, even for Densmore, who doesn't consider his livelihood a burden. "It's just a nice medium to work with. I'm a real naturalist," said Densmore, who got his start in wood working building go-carts as child with his father.

That craftsmanship is now passed on to Densmore's staff with fatherly-type oversight. "When I hire somebody I try to find ones that are interested, that have mechanical skills and are good with their hands. I start them out on the basic stuff: sanding and staining. Then they move on to repair work, and then coloring, work finishing. I break them in because my way seems to work," Densmore said, smiling while sitting at his desk amidst several pieces of refinished wood.

After two decades there probably not too many people who will argue with him. And Densmore predicts business will remain upbeat with the emphasis on reusing and restoring the earth's offerings, and a younger generation that re-embraces wood floors and furnishings. "It's become a recycling business, particularly mahogany because they don't let it get cut down in the rain forest anymore," he said.

Along with the tropical tree, cherry, oak and other wood products are refurbished by Densmore and his staff. "Anything wood, we can do," said Densmore.

Plymouth resident takes leadership seriously on State Bar Association of Michigan

BY BRIAN CORBETT

As a freshman law student at the University of Toledo, Tom Lenga was swamped with homework.

"The first year was awful and I have to believe that every lawyer and law student wouldn't tell you something different. It was just awful," said Lenga, a Plymouth resident. "After that, it was hard work, but it was fun. In the course of that time, did I ever dream I'd end up where I am today? No, not even close."

Where Lenga is, is vice president for the 1996-97 Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan. He will assume the post at the conclusion of the State Bar's annual three-day meeting in Grand Rapids, today through Friday.

First elected to the board in 1992, Lenga served as treasurer in 1995-96. He was flattered that his colleagues elected him vice president during a board meeting in July. "I was very grateful to have the confidence of the 30 or so members of the Board of Commissioners sufficiently to ask me to be among the leadership of the state bar," said Lenga.

An association that includes nearly 31,000 lawyers. As vice president, Lenga



TOM LENGA

will work in a supporting role to Victoria Roberts, the board president. "I hope to watch and learn," he said.

And with that erudition, he hopes to eventually become president, continuing years of volunteer service to the Bar Association both at the state and local level. "One needs to give back to the profession that's been so good to me. I've been at it 28 years now; it's been tremendously good to me," Lenga said.

That includes chairing the State Bar's of Justice Committee and being

appointed by Gov. John Engler to the Trial Court Assessment Commission which is currently studying the circuit, district, probate and recorder's courts for the purpose of recommending a formula for money appropriated annually by the state for the operation of the courts.

Also, Lenga has served by appointment of the Michigan Supreme Court on its Standard Jury Instruction Committee. But ask him what accomplishment he is most proud of, and Lenga won't hesitate to say serving as a Fellow of the American College of Lawyers, which includes only 100 lawyers out of more than 30,000 in the state.

The father of three grown children — Christina, John Jr., and Peter — and husband of Amy, Lenga practices primarily commercial and product litigation, and golf on the weekends.

He recently left Dykema-Gossett, where he had worked for more than two decades, to join Clark Hill PLC of Detroit, the seventh largest firm in the state created by a Feb. 1 consolidation. "The opportunity of the merger was too exciting to pass up," said Lenga.

District rejects teacher union arbitration request

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School District negotiating team has turned down a request by the teachers union to enter binding arbitration in an effort to bring a settlement to seven months of contract talks.

Instead, Superintendent Charles Little and the P-C Schools have filed for fact finding, a state prescribed process that doesn't bind both sides to accept the outcome.

It's the latest development in an escalating series of events as teachers enter their third week of school without a contract.

The call for arbitration came from Tom Cotner, a Plymouth-Canton Education Association negotiator, during last week's P-C School Board meeting.

The PCEA doesn't want a state mediation or fact finding, Cotner said, but "a process that will impose a settlement on both parties."

Fact finding won't do that, he said, a process outlined in state legislation that requires both sides to present their offers and prove its legitimacy. The result would then be sent to P-C School Board who could either approve the settlement or approve its previous offer, according to Cotner. "Fact finding would issue a report that is not binding by the board, so they could do what they want to do," said Cotner.

The schools are just following state guidelines, Little said. "I still don't see any reason why we need to step outside what the law prescribes," he said.

Little estimated the fact finding process would take six to 10 weeks.

That's two months closer to beginning another round of bargaining next spring, since the current negotiations are over a one-year contract. "We're going to have to go negotiate again in April. Let's get this thing over with," said Cotner.

But he acknowledged: "Nothing's going to happen overnight at the table."

Twp. picks survey firm for recreation study

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Human Synergistics, located in Plymouth Township, was hired by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees to conduct a recreation survey in the Township. According to Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, the decision to hire Human Synergistics was an easy one. "We're talking about a small survey and we wanted a nationally-known company," said Keen-McCarthy. "They are a local business with a nationally-known reputation."

Plymouth Township will be responsible for paying the estimated \$10,750 survey in exchange for the City freezing any recreation fee increases, said McCarthy.

"In exchange for the City holding the fee levels for a time to get some information, we'll pay for the survey," she said. "They (the City) project that they're losing \$10,000 - \$12,000."

Little said a settlement was needed as soon as possible, but also admitted the outlook was bleak without the help of a third party. "Without fact finding? Without mediation? Oh, I'm far less cer-

tain than I was a week ago," he said.

His concerns come because of the emotions that boiled over at the most recent school board meeting.

"I've had quite a few (teachers) talk to

me. I'd say they're increasingly angry. You could probably tell from the meeting. We did not tell any of them to speak. I thought I was going to be the only one to speak," Cotner said.



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Upcoming...

"PILGRIM'S PROGRESS"

Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, located at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd. A dramatic presentation gospel inspired search for eternal life. Admission is free. All are welcome. For more information, call 459-9550.

"HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS" BENEFIT FOR ST. MARY

Oct. 17 at Laurel Manor in Livonia at 5:30 p.m. Star-studded evening of dinner and entertainment featuring nationally renowned recording artists and entertainers. For more information, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation Hotline at 655-2907.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

"Women and Friendship-A Gift We Give Ourselves" will be presented Oct. 2 at Canton's Summit on the Park. Registration required by Sept. 26. The \$21 fee includes a full course meal and a presentation. To register, call 397-5110.

LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

How to avoid probate; How to reduce taxes to heirs; Advantages of living trust; Question and answer session will follow. Discussion will be presented by financial expert Paul Luduc. Free of charge. At the Plymouth Cultural Center Sept. 24 from 1-3 p.m. For reservations, call 810-540-8710.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM FALL CALENDER OF EVENTS

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. "100th Anniversary of the Automobile." Sept. 30-Oct. 3 museum trip to Gettysburg, PA. Oct. 15 "Made in Plymouth", chamber of commerce open house mixer, from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 27 last day of the "Made in Plymouth and Collections" exhibit. Nov. 6 grand opening of the holiday exhibition "Visions of Christmas." December 8 Museum Open House from 1-5 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Weldon Petz, "The History of Santa Claus" 2 p.m.

PLYMOUTH YMCA ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE

Volunteers are needed, ages teens through adults. The Haunted House will be Oct. 25-26. For more information or to volunteer, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

GETTYSBURG HISTORICAL TOUR

The Plymouth Historical Museum is offering a trip to historical Gettysburg, PA Sept. 30 to Oct. 3. The tour will be led by Civil War historian and teacher Bob Zaetta. The trip includes round-trip motor coach transportation, three breakfasts, three dinners, and two full days at Gettysburg. For information and reservations, call the Plymouth Historical Museum at 455-8940.

TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO

Play begins at 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Hill Hall, 230 S. Venoy in Westland. Proceeds go to the general fund to support Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League. For more information, call 453-2040 or 326-3344.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. For more information, call 453-0750.

Volunteer...

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PLYMOUTH CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is always in need of volunteers, especially preparing information handout packages. For more information, call 453-1540.

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of Plymouth/Canton is always looking for volunteers to assist in its purpose of aiding neighbors who cannot help themselves. If you would like information on being a driver, a "caller", or just running errands, call 261-1011 and leave a message.

HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 291-9700.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Plymouth District Library is looking for individuals, businesses and community groups to donate the cost of a magazine subscription to one of the over 300 periodicals the library keeps in stock. The sponsor's name will appear on the label and the donation is federal and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

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Health...

PLYMOUTH YMCA FALL CLASSES

Registration is currently being accepted for classes; most classes begin Monday. Offerings include street hockey, flag football, karate, youth dance, gymnastics, aerobics and yoga. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SERIES

Four classes on women's health issues this fall at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Topics include perimenopause, osteoporosis and pregnancy preparation. All sessions from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration is required. \$5 fee includes refreshments. Dates are Sept. 19, Oct. 15, Oct. 29, and Nov. 7. Classes are presented by physicians and other professionals. To register or for more information, call 397-5110.

"NUTRITOTS" NUTRITION EDUCATION SERIES

Begins Oct. 2 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Another series will be held in November at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Program teaches parents how to encourage good eating habits and offers games and videos for children to emphasize nutrition. The parents class includes food samples and tasting, recipes and a visit to a local supermarket. There is a \$15 fee for the series. For more information or to register, call 712-5400 or 1-800-231-2211 for the Ann Arbor series and 397-5110 for the Canton series.

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES

Five-week series designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction. Limited to 20 participants. Professional facilitator. No charge. Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 7-9 p.m. at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., in Plymouth. To register, call 459-2250.

FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

\$2 charge for the influenza shot is requested, but indigent citizens may receive a waiver. **Canton Seniors**, Oct. 23, by appointment only, 9-11:30 a.m., 1-3 p.m. at the Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. Call 397-1000. **Plymouth Cultural Center**, 525 Farmer St., Oct. 1, no appointment needed, 9-11:30 a.m., 1-3:30 p.m. And on Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Grand Care Home Health will be giving flu shots for all ages at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Shots are \$10 for individuals not on Medicare. Appointments required. Call 455-6627.

COMPREHENSIVE FITNESS CLASSES

Complete exercise and nutrition program held weekly at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Ten-week program includes weekly exercise class, daily eating plan, massage therapy, exercise homework and child care available. Classes begin Sept. 22. Class size limited to 20. Registration begins Sept. 1. For more information, call 459-1522.

PLYMOUTH BREATHERS

For those with respiratory diseases. Second Wednesday of each month at the Arbor Health building in Plymouth from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free of charge. For more information, call 712-5367.

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Available twice monthly by appointment at Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call Frances Rudd at 455-7526 between 1-4 p.m. weekdays.

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Blood pressure checks, breast feeding support groups, childbirth preparation classes and infant CPR. For more information, call 454-8001.

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At St. John's Church, 574 Sheldon Rd. Morning, evening, and weekday classes. Classes ongoing, join anytime. For more information, call (810) 348-1280

LUNCHTIME EXERCISE

Lunch hour open skate at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12:30-1:50 p.m.; Wednesdays: 1-2 p.m.; Fridays: 10:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information, call 455-6623.

SMOKE STOPPERS

The McAuley Health building will hold a continuing stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

Schools...

PLYMOUTH NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

Openings for three-year-olds in the Wednesday morning class. For more information about the cooperative nursery school located on Sheldon Road in Canton, call Janet Fraser at 844-0216.

THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON MARCHING BAND NEEDS HELP

PCMA will be going door to door Sept. 29 dressed in their uniforms from 2-4 p.m. in Canton asking for financial support. Funds are needed for the trip to the Feista Bowl this December.

CLASS OF 1976/CANTON HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Oct. 12 at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia at Six Mile Road and I-275. For more information: Canton Class of 1976, P.O. Box 461, South Lyon, MI 48178.



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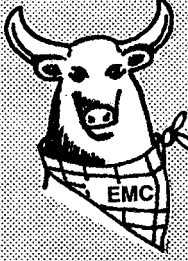
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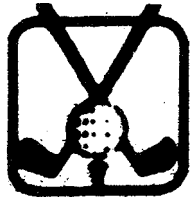
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Community deaths

Owner of 'Maxwell Railroad' dead at 93

The former owner of the "Maxwell Railroad" on Joy Road, Alice Mae Maxwell, died Monday at the age of 93.

The long-time Plymouth resident, known to many as "the train lady," was born May 20, 1903 in Bevier, MO. She moved to the community in 1928 from Detroit.

Maxwell was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, a member of the Wayne County Extension Service, and a former member of the Eastern Star in Garden City.

She is survived by her son, Russell (Mary) Maxwell of Plymouth; four grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her

husband, John Maxwell; and son, Thomas Maxwell.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. John Shinn officiating.

Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

ROBERT E. ROWLAND

Robert E. Rowland, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 9, 1996 at the age of 63.

Mr. Rowland was born Feb. 22, 1933 in Caldwell County, KY. He moved to the community in 1966 from Dearborn Heights. He worked for Ford Motor Company for 39 years, retiring as manager of personnel planning of the marketing and purchasing staff in 1993. He is a 1951 graduate of Lincoln Park High School and also graduated from the Detroit College of Law. While at Eastern Michigan University, Mr. Rowland ran track and cross country. He is a member of the EMU Sports Hall of Fame and former president of the Men's Union. He was training for a triathlete competition when he was diagnosed with Lou Gerhig's Disease (ALS).

Mr. Rowland is survived by his wife, Sarah Jane Rowland; daughters, Christine (David) Cope of Cedar River, Debra (James) Tiller of Grand Blanc and Gail (Christopher) Rink of Rochester; son, Rob (Connie) Rowland of Plymouth; sister, Sandra (Jay) Wilson of Taylor; brothers, Ronald Rowland of Allen Park and Kenneth (Brenda) Rowland of Crider, KY; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth with Rev. Dean A. Klump and Rev. Tonya Arnesen officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Lake City Cemetery in Lake City. Memorial tributes can be made to ALS of Michigan, 8521 Lyndon, Suite 200, Detroit, MI 48238 or First United Methodist Church of Plymouth Memorial Fund, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

DONALD S. KASPYK

Donald S. Kaspyk, a Plymouth Township resident, died Sept. 7, 1996 at the age of 62.

Mr. Kaspyk was born March 24, 1934 in Detroit. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1953-57. Mr. Kaspyk worked in the Trust Department and as second vice president at NBD.

Mr. Kaspyk is survived by his wife of 33 years, Barbara Kaspyk; sons, Robert (Cheryl) Kaspyk of Kearney, MO, Jeffrey (Peg) Kaspyk of St. Charles, IL and Daniel Kaspyk of Plymouth; brother, Ronald (Wyleen) Kaspyk of Littleton, CO; step mother, Wanda Kaspyk of Dearborn; and grandson, Cody.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Fr. John J. Sullivan officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Mass offerings can be made and memorial tributes can be given to the American Lung Association of Michigan, 403 Seymour Ave., Lansing, MI 48933-1179.

IRVING W. MILLIGAN, JR.

Irving W. Milligan, Jr., a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 11, 1996 at the age of 76.

Mr. Milligan was born Sept. 6, 1920 in Detroit. He moved to the community in 1954 from Dearborn. Mr. Milligan was a foreman for a water

and sewer construction company. He golfed with the Silver Duffers and bowled in the Plymouth area for many years. He served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Milligan is survived by his wife of 49 years, Anna Milligan; daughter, Sharon (Pete) McGough of Ann Arbor; brother, George Milligan of Florida; and sister, Betty Bortz of Walled Lake.

Private services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Entombment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorial tributes can be made to St. Joseph Hospital Cardiac Care Unit, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

JESSIE MARION SUSAN NACCI

Jessie Marion Susan Nacci, a Northville resident, died Sept. 11, 1996 at the age of 72.

Mrs. Nacci was born Dec. 11, 1923 in Canada. In 1983 she retired from Redford Union High School where she was a math and science teacher for 14 years. Before that, she worked for 20 years as a microbiologist at Parke-Davis in Detroit. She came to the community 11 years ago. She previously lived in Novi, Livonia and Detroit. Mrs. Nacci was a member of the Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth where she was active with the vacation bible school. She was also the church organist/pianist. She earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University and a bachelor's degree with honors from Western University in London, Ontario, Canada. She spent her winters in Mesa, AZ for the last 10 years.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Ken Belch officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorial tributes can be made to the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp in Little Lake.

GRACE E. SPARKS

Grace E. Sparks, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 9, 1996 at the age of 92.

She was born on April 20, 1904 in Detroit. She moved to the community in 1948 from Royal Oak. Ms. Sparks was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary Ellen (Doyle) Furr of Belleville and Barbara J. (Harold) Walker of Rochester Hills; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Services were held at Unity Church of Livonia with Rev. Eugene N. Sorenson officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152.

Sarah Inez Stafford, 84, auto worker

Sarah Inez Stafford, a Canton resident, died Sept. 10, 1996.

She is survived by her son, Douglas Collins of Canton and two other sons; and one sister.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with Rev. Gilbert Sanders of the Livonia Baptist Church officiating.

Helen Zamboras, 75, nurse

Helen Zamboras, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 8, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, George Zamboras; daughter, Jana Zamboras of Plymouth; son, Michael Zamboras of Plymouth and three other sons; and two grandchildren.

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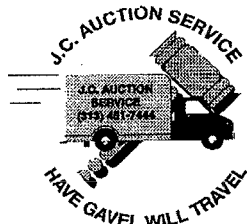
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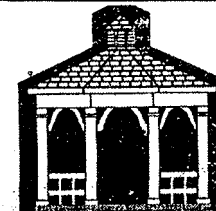
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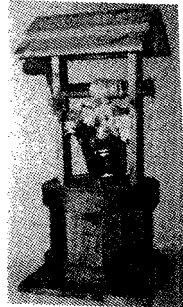
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Mayflower owners promise work will begin by January

BY JANET ARMSTRONG AND W. EDWARD WENDOVER

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) met Sept. 10 in the Mayflower Hotel's main dining room under the watchful eye of the pilgrims in the famous Mayflower murals.

The highlight of the DDA's meeting was the update that Mayflower owner Matt Karmo gave the group on the renovation plans for the historic hotel.

According to Karmo, the hotel has selected the architectural firm of Victor Saroki and Associates, out of Birmingham, to be responsible for the exterior renovation of the building. While the firm of Roger Sherman Partners Inc. will be responsible for the interior design of the Mayflower.

The construction drawings will be completed in four months, early January, according to the architects. That means the City will have to extend the building permit deadline from Nov. 30 (which was agreed upon in the City-hotel agreement) to Jan. 31.

"We will start the physical work no later than the Ice Festival," Karmo told the DDA, adding that the project would be complete "this time next year."

That work will include gutting the first floor, creating new spaces for the lobby, bar, restaurants and banquet facilities inside the hotel; and removing the wood-shingled mansard, restoring the lower limestone and brick facade, installing new windows and doors, and adding a new cornice and sign to the outside of the hotel.

The construction is expected to take six to eight months to complete, said Karmo.

Karmo added that the hotel also has plans to bring in a "name" chef to be a

P-C schools test scores high

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ple-choice questions. Whether or not that caused the test to be scored in an easier fashion, O'Donnell didn't know. "Quite frankly, I don't know how to assess that part of it because I haven't heard enough discussion on it yet," he said, offering the state's own assertion that "they set out pretty rigorous standards. That's the state's own statement."

Instead, O'Donnell said, he'd like to think a conscience effort involving the entire school district provided the high scores. "As a result of the new writing portion of the MEAP and the new HSPT writing requirements, the Plymouth-Canton Schools put a greater emphasis on writing in every subject area throughout the curriculum. Students were asked to compile materials for the portfolios needed for the test, and teachers structured class materials with concepts that involved problem solving, process and higher level thinking skills as opposed to learning specific data," said O'Donnell.

He said the results of HSPT will help determine teacher strategy and demonstrate student competency.

Ground broken for new Catholic grade school in Canton

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Neither is registration, which is ongoing. Gerou said information about All Saints can be obtained by calling one of the four contributing parishes until a phone line is up and running for Allen, a seasoned educator. Her background includes 15 years in Archdiocesan schools as a principal, teacher, and experience in public education as a remedial reading and math specialist. She holds a

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— MATT KARMO
MAYFLOWER OWNER

partner in the business and is working with a Schoolcraft College consultant in their recruitment process.

Karmo said that this project would re-energize the downtown community.

"This project is going to spark a lot of activity downtown," he said.

Karmo said that right now there is no night life in the downtown area and would like to see that change.

"That's what's missing today — night life," he said. "I'll be the first person to support more business downtown — it creates more business for everybody."

Karmo said that the hotel has no immediate plans to solicit new business for itself.

"We're not seeking any new business," he said. "You need to put your house in order before you invite people in."

As for the criticism the Mayflower has faced since the agreement with the City, Karmo said he can understand the public's perceptions.

"I can understand people speculating about our seriousness about renovating," he said. "I personally don't have any hard feelings."

master's degree in education from Marygrove College.

Allen also serves on the Steering Committee for All Saints.

Families wishing to send a child to the school are required to make a capital equity contribution of \$3,500. Projected tuition for the 1997-98 school year is \$2,500 per student.

When all K-8 grades are in operation in 2000, the school could educate as many as 1,060 children.



Sports

Sports shorts

Results from the **Canton High School girls tennis team match versus North Farmington** Sept. 13. Number one singles: senior Laura Belisle lost to Lauren Jones 0-6, 0-6. Second singles: Mai Lam lost to Heather Richeson 0-6, 0-6. Third singles Jessica Dumas lost to Sarah Hanch 0-6, 1-6. And fourth singles Patty Snook lost to Jennifer Yen 1-6, 1-6.

The Chiefs were more competitive in doubles competition. First team doubles junior Liz Elsner and junior Shreya Shah lost Kristina Kraljen 3-6, 0-6. Second team doubles Anjali Shah and Jen Leonard dropped their match 1-6, 2-6; so did third team doubles Melissa Robbins and Natali Gut 2-6, 1-6. The fourth doubles team is freshman Lizzie Brown and sophomore Carrie Kolachevich.

The match was played in cold, windy conditions.

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers began rather inauspiciously at Redford against the Rangers Sept. 8. The Steeler Freshmen beat Redford, 19-6. Brandon Mancini led the way with 100 all purpose yards. He also contributed on defense by running back a 37-yard interception return for a touchdown. Mike Kerul also picked off a Redford pass for a touchdown and took it 65 yards for the Steelers final tally. The defense also had great contributions from Ryan Collins and Eric Mitchell.

The Steeler JV lost, 14-6. Justin Carson scored Plymouth-Canton's lone touchdown on a nifty 55-yard run. Brandon Murphy, Mike Tomasitis and Chris Gentry were strong defensively.

The Varsity Steelers fought to a 6-6 tie. After the Rangers scored on a 65-yard punt return, the Steelers turned a sustained eight-minute drive in the third quarter into the tying score with Quarterback Chris Hardy going the last two yards. The defense was anchored by Chris Trott, Marshall Tucker and Charlie Haeger.

In the home opener versus the Ann Arbor Eagles, the Freshman Steelers used a powerful running attack to steamroll to a 21-6 victory. Mancini again starred, but Kerul, Collins, Mitchell, Justin Nickles, Brandon Hoard, Matt Rourk, Jeff Lake, John Showalter also contributed.

The JV fought hard for the second straight week only to fall, 6-0. Chris Gentry, Larry Mitchell, Tomasitis and Murphy led on defense.

The Steeler Varsity controlled Ann Arbor for most of the game and won, 12-0. Hardy connected with Chris Sherfey for two touchdown passes. The shutout was insured by Trott, Tucker, Nate Halbert, Matt Naar, Brad LaValle, Hardy and Sherfey.



The Detroit Whalers begin their season Friday against a tough Guelph Storm team. They face Owen Sound Saturday. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)

Whalers begin season this weekend

BY BRIAN CORBETT

From here on out, it's for real.

After a month of training camp practices and exhibition games, the Detroit Whalers begin the 1996-97 season on the road against two formidable Ontario Hockey League foes.

The Guelph Storm, a Central Division power that totaled an impressive 99 points and 47 wins in a 66-game season two years ago, greet the Whalers Friday night.

Expect a rough and tumble contest, said Steve Spott, one the Whalers assistant coaches.

"They are going to be a very strong club, one of the top clubs in the league," said Spott, previously a scout for the Whalers.

"It's going to be a tough opening night."

Not only are the teams familiar combatants — the Storm's outstanding 1994-95 season ended with a 4-2 series loss to the Whalers in the OHL championship, including a heartbreaking 5-4 overtime loss at home in Game 3 — but Detroit features an eager roster full of new draft picks that average a beefy 6'2" and 195 pounds.

Combine that with opening night jit-

ters, and you're sure to have fireworks.

"Both buildings (Guelph's Memorial Gardens and Owen Sound's Harry Lumpley Bayshore Community Centre) are really small, and old as well. It's not going to be a fancy-type of a game. It's going to be a physical-type game," said Spott.

But that's just fine with the Whalers, who aren't shy about exposing their mean streak. Veteran right wing Steve Dumonski can attest to that, and defensemen Jesse Boulerice (6'3", 215 pounds), Kevin Holdridge (6'3", 200 pounds), Pat Parthenais (6'4", 202 pounds) and Jan Vondrazka (6'1", 205 pounds) will contribute to physical play at the blue line. "We've got a gutsy team. We're not going to back down from anyone," said Spott.

They had better bring that attitude with them to Owen Sound Saturday. The Platers, who finished fourth in the OHL's Central Division last year, have less than fond memories of opening nights, compliments of the Whalers.

"If I remember correctly, they came in here a couple years ago and waxed us pretty good," said Owen Sound's Ray McKelvie, the director of hockey operations.

It's the only game of the season in Owen Sound for the Whalers, who may benefit from facing the Platers so early in the season since Farmington native Brent Johnson might not be returned in time for the game by the Colorado Rockies, who own his National Hockey League rights.

The third year goalie guided Owen Sound last season with his excellent on-ice vision and reflexes. The team also lost its two leading scorers from last year.

Nevertheless, count on the Platers being ready to play, McKelvie said. "We stress team play. Everybody has to be ready to play as a team to be effective," he said.

Spott wouldn't expect anything less. "Guelph is a big, skilled hockey club as is Owen Sound. We've got our work cut out for us. We've got a very young club, so the energy level is going to be very high," he said.

Spott said the team hopes to pick up two out of four points in the two games. "That's the typical goal for a road trip," he said.

The Whalers five-game swing winds down with games against Sarnia (Sept. 27 and Oct. 3) and Erie Sept. 29. Detroit's home opener is Oct. 5 versus Kingston.

Salem tennis trounced by Grosse Ile

BY RACHEL RAZGUNAS

The Salem tennis team had a rough match against a seasoned Grosse Ile team, losing, 7-1.

"It was our first real competition," said Rock coach Judith Braun. "Grosse Ile has a group of girls who have been working together for a while, so we had an opportunity to see what needs to be fine tuned."

Following a trouncing like that, most coaches would be upset, looking for an area of their game to blame the loss on. But not the

Rocks. They hope to take the loss and turn it into experience.

The bright spot of the match came from sophomore first singles player Amanda Miller.

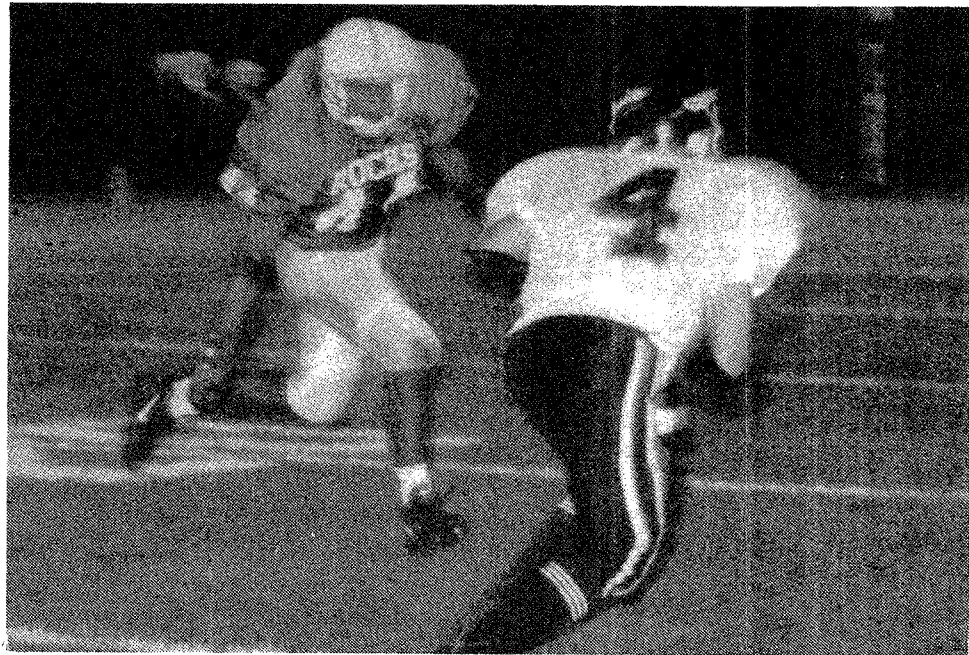
She was the only Rock to win her match. Although Kathy Clawson, Vicki Anderson and Erin Griffith lost, Braun said they will continue to improve.

"We lost," Braun said, "but at the same time it was still a good match."

The Rocks will take the loss and prepare for the next match.



The Salem football team survived a wet field, cold weather and Friday the 13th to defeat Northville Friday. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)



Salem overcomes Friday the 13th, rain, cold to defeat Mustangs, 17-14

Rock football team beats Northville on last second field goal Friday

BY RACHEL RAZGUNAS

For the Salem football team, Friday the 13th is a lucky day. The mud, 60-degree temperature and rain couldn't stop the Rocks from defeating Northville, 17-14, on a last-second field goal.

Salem got off to a slow start. Northville scored two field goals in the first and second quarters. The Mustangs took a 6-0 lead into the locker room for the half.

The bad luck continued for the Rocks in the third quarter as they fumbled the opening kickoff, which was quickly recovered by Northville at Salem's 15 yard line.

The third quarter is also when Salem's luck changed. With 1:22 left in the quarter, Rock signal-caller Nate Gray hit Mike Rodriguez for a 43-yard touchdown strike.

In the fourth, the Rocks drove the ball 67 yards for a score with 7:44 left.

With just six seconds left in the game, Salem booted a field goal, beating Northville, 17-14.

That gave the Rocks their second non-league win for the season. Salem shocked Belleville two weeks ago, 20-7, at Belleville.

Salem opens their regular league schedule Saturday at 1 p.m. against Farmington.

"Every game for us will be tough," said coach Tom Moshimer. "It's our first league game. I feel confident that we'll come back and play better than we did this week.

"If we expect to win, we have to play well."

Salem has a new outlook this year. The majority of last year's team, which finished with a 3-6 record, left for college, including six key players.

Despite the loss of many seniors, an array of talent and promise fill the team, including captains James Chapman and Gray. "He (Gray) played a great game against Belleville," Moshimer said.

Chapman, a senior, is playing linebacker and Gray, also a senior, starts as quarterback.

Other Rocks that show promise include: Kevin Guse, senior, center; Charlie Schmidt, junior, running back; Jeff McKain, junior, free safety; Mike Middel, senior; Doug Kinney, senior; and Rodriguez, senior.

The team is off to a 2-0 start, but Moshimer said he hopes that's just the beginning. "We want to improve on last year's record," he said. "We've already accomplished that. Last year, we started off 0-3. This year, we've won both our first games."

Instead of setting a few large goals at the beginning of the season, the team will develop its goals as the season continues. Each small hurdle that is overcome will help the team achieve their goal.

"You've got to take it one week at a time and just try and get better," Moshimer said. "If we can get better one week at a time during the season, you can't ask for more than that."

On deck

SALEM BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

At home versus John Glenn at 4 p.m. Thursday. At Jackson Invitational Saturday at 11 a.m.

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At Northville Thursday at 7 p.m.

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At home versus Walled Lake Western Today at 7 p.m. At Troy Saturday at 1 p.m.

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At home versus Harrison Today at 4 p.m. At Farmington at 4 p.m.

CANTON BOYS GOLF

At home versus N. Farmington Today at 3 p.m. At John Glenn Friday at 3 p.m.

CANTON BASKETBALL

At home versus Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. At home versus Flint Powers Saturday at 4 p.m.

CANTON FOOTBALL

At home versus Northville Friday at 7:30 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING
At Salem Thursday at 7 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

At Harrison Thursday at 4 p.m. At Jefferson Invitational Saturday.



Community opinions

Speed limits need thorough review

It's a shame someone had to die to bring the issue of ridiculously high speed limits in our community to the forefront.

Although speed may not have been the cause, the accident last week on Morton Taylor Road in Canton, where a bicyclist was struck and killed by a van, united the neighborhood. The group of residents is fighting to have the 40 mph speed limit lowered.

Morton Taylor is just one road in The Plymouth-Canton Community where the speed limit is just too high. Roads like North Territorial, Beck, Haggerty and Sheldon, to name just a few, have speed limits that are too high for the area they intersect. If the final portion of Morton Taylor is ever opened between Warren and Ford roads, the speed and traffic problem will become even worse.

The face of the community has changed from a rural farming area to a bustling suburb. Unfortunately, the speed limits have not dropped to reflect the increase in development.

Community leaders have their hands tied. The decision to set the speed limits for local roads is decided by Wayne County officials — by individuals who, for the most part, have no vested interest in the neighborhoods their decisions impact.

The formula used to determine the speed limit doesn't have enough emphasis on the "intangibles." Is there enough lighting on the road in question? Is it a place where kids often cross? How many driveways connect to the road? Do curves in the road make high speed dangerous? These questions should be weighed heavily when determining the speed of the road.

The county should also hold public hearings when setting speed limits. The neighborhoods affected should have quick, easy and courteous access to county officials responsible for setting the speed. After all, they are the ones who will be impacted by any change in the speed limit.

Even though officials from the local community have little say when speed limits are changed, they can and should show leadership to make a change at the county level. It's easy to pass the buck. It's more difficult, but extremely important to stand up for residents and protect their interests. Instead of saying, "It's out of our control," local politicians should say, "We will do everything in our power to champion your cause."

Although the Canton Board of Trustees and Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro have initiated an open door policy with Morton Taylor residents, they need to take a leadership role to lower speed limits on other dangerous roads.

In fact, police and local government officials should join forces across township and city lines. This problem is not unique to Canton. It's a community-wide problem.

Every day, hundreds of thousands of people use the community's roads. Every day, these motorists risk their lives. How many more have to die before the dangerous speed limits are reduced?

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Violent games have no place at Fall Festival

EDITOR:

In spite of last Saturday's rainfall, Plymouth's 41st Fall Festival was a great success. I couldn't help notice, however, that on opposite sides of Kellogg Park were two activities whose messages conflicted.

On the one side, in and around The Gathering, was the Rotary Club's Chicken Dinner. Their effort was being carried out with true enthusiasm and community spirit. Not only was the food and service outstanding, but tucked in each chicken dinner sold were several pamphlets.

One in particular caught my eye. Entitled, "Turn Off the Violence — You Can Make a Difference." The pamphlet points out the all too prevalent violence in our society. This Rotary-sponsored program seeks to "encourage non-violence in entertainment choices and real-life behavior."

After reading the pamphlet and devouring my dinner, I walked to the other side of the park with my family. The irony was like a slap in the face. There, for the festival-goers entertainment were at least two forms of violence. Sure the "sumo wrestlers" looked funny, but as I watched I heard the man coordinating the spectacle say, "ready, set, fight."

Then there was the gladiator-style jousting which, incidentally, the U.S.

Armed Forces uses to train their troops for hand-to-hand combat.

Such things may look innocuous and may have their place, but is it alongside community-based charitable groups seeking to make the world a little better?

Maybe the coordinators of the 42nd Fall Festival will show groups such as the Rotary a little more respect when they schedule the entertainment next year.

JUDY J. DONEGAN

Fall Festival is for people

EDITOR:

What a festival. The Plymouth Fall Festival is a true festival "of the people" — "for the people" and "by the people."

What other community event do we have where so many organizations are involved? What a display of involvement and commitment to show community pride and pay back time.

The old car show had to be one of the largest and highest quality display of our past vehicle line-up. It was a job well done.

The crowd was orderly and all were having a good time, young and old.

Thank you Fall Festival committee.

BUD MARTIN

Family issues deserve attention during school/teacher negotiations

EDITOR:

As a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton School District, I would like to share the community actions that have been taken by the school administration that are adversely affecting our families. They may seem to be minor offenses, but they have very profound effects on family life.

The family issues involved range from maternity leaves and medical emergencies to preparing for a daughter's wedding or attending parent orientation at a son's college.

Staff members are subjected to inconsistencies in the application of the maternity leave process. Recently, a staff member was denied permission to be with a family member in a medical emergency. There have been initial refusals of personal business days to prepare for a daughter's wedding or to attend parent orientation at a

college that is hundreds of miles from the staff member's home.

Ultimately, after confrontations and much stress, the issues may have been resolved.

However, the truth of the matter is that teachers in this district have to struggle with the administration when family considerations or emergencies arise.

Not only should the bargaining process not include these kinds of arbitrary acts that hurt the family unit, but the permanent policy of the administration needs to be fair and consistent in the way it treats the teachers with regard to their personal lives.

Please contact the board and the administration and express your concerns that even teachers deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

ANDREW LENNINGTON

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER



Community opinions

Public comments should come first at P-C School Board meetings

Dean Swartzwelter has a lot of patience — and a deep interest in the Plymouth-Canton Schools.

And for that, the P-C School Board should be grateful.

For five hours, the former school board member sat at a Sept. 9 special meeting waiting for a chance to speak during the "Citizens' Non-Agenda Item Comments" portion of the agenda.

That's because the public forum section of agenda was inconveniently listed AFTER four interviews with architectural firms proposing services for pre-funding bond activities (part of the school building bond proposal).

He sat and listened intently as each interview lasted more than hour.

He repaid the school board for their blind inconsideration with a stirring speech that included several helpful tips regarding the bond campaign and its opponents.

After a school year peppered with calls to open up school board meeting conversation that resulted in the election of former Vice President Mark Horvath to the

Truth is Tough

By Brian Corbett



presidency, the action was a step in the wrong direction.

Previous meetings had witnessed candid discussion — instead of school board dialogue.

What would the board members have done if the interviews had lasted well beyond the midnight hour and Swartzwelter had left without sharing his thoughts?

Maybe the school board and superintendent should visit the Plymouth Township and Canton Board of Trustees meetings when citizens' comments follow approval of minutes and the agenda, and precede the meeting's new business and reports.

If only the meetings weren't all on Tuesday nights.

Jaycees missed out on great event...their own

If it's true what they say about "helping just one child" than the Plymouth Community Fire Department and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department have a lot to be proud of.

Individuals from both of the above-mentioned departments were in the Unisys parking lot Saturday afternoon to greet the kids that showed up for Plymouth-Canton Jaycee-sponsored Safety Town.

There we were in the rain — the fire department, the sheriff's department and the press (me). There was only one thing missing from the Jaycee event — a Jaycee.

What happened to the Jaycees?

Maybe they decided it was too wet outside. Maybe they forgot or maybe they just didn't show up.

If they decided that the rain would hamper the festivities and canceled the event, they didn't say anything to the two departments that showed up to take part in this community

Second Thoughts

By Janet Armstrong



activity.

Certainly it's not asking too much for a cancellation phone call.

We are very lucky in this community to have agencies that graciously take part in community activities—especially children's activities. It's rare for a service group to stand up a police or fire agency. Let's hope this trend doesn't continue.

Jaycee or no Jaycee, one thing is certain, the kids that did venture out in the rain Saturday to visit Safety Town were met by the smiling faces of the Plymouth Community Fire Department and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

Bravo guys!



Lt. Jim Haar of the Plymouth Community Fire Department and Madelyn Bielecki enjoyed Safety Town Saturday. The police and firefighters had a great time, but the sponsors of the event never showed. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

Generous prizes helped support library adult reading program

EDITOR:

The close of the Plymouth District Library's second annual adult summer reading program, "Access the World," brings an opportunity to thank some generous local business owners for the prizes they donated. Nine readers won gift certificates from the following enterprises: Station 885, Hilltop Golf Course, Mr. B's, Fox Hills Country Club, Outback Cappuccino Bar, Karl's Family Restaurant, and Big Boy Restaurant.

Thank you for this opportunity to recognize generosity in the Plymouth business community and readership in our residents.

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